

**Minutes of the Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council  
Executive Committee  
September 18, 2009**

Judge Davis called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Judge Mac Davis (Chair), Peter Schuler, Jim Dwyer, Brad Schimel, Dan Vrakas, Sam Benedict.

**Also present:** Ryan Jurgens, Rob Henken, Vanessa Allen, Mike Giese, Betty Groenewold, Clara Daniels, Meg Schnabl.

**Approve Minutes from August 10, 2009 Meeting**

The minutes of August 10, 2009, were approved with unanimous consent.

**Discuss & Consider Project Priorities for Public Policy Forum**

Luczaj distributed a handout titled *Public Policy Forum Priority Projects September 2009* and the committee discussed the concepts outlined in the handout.

Davis said he is concerned item #1 (*Prepare a cost-benefit analysis of current CJCC programs*) is too large of a project to start with. It would be better to evaluate one program at a time. He is very interested in item #2 (*Analyze the public safety and rehabilitative impact of Huber jail versus Day Report Center-type programming*).

Henken said evaluating each program would be an endeavor and the results and effort would depend on the type of data the CJCC has available for evaluation. It would be better to choose one program at a time. Item #2 is realistic and the PPF has done the same kind of analysis for Milwaukee. For this item the PPF would look at national research on Huber day reporting. Item #3 (*Conduct formal evaluation of current CJCC pretrial and post-conviction programs to determine if there is any duplication in services, gaps in services, whether stated goals and outcomes are being met, etc.*) could also be done. The amount of time it would take to complete this project would be determined by how much information the PPF has available and how much would have to be gathered. Item #4 (*Research innovative programs/initiatives throughout the country, such as: domestic violence, veterans, and other specialty courts, diversion programs, strategies to reduce jail overcrowding, strategies to reduce repeat alcohol-related offenses.*) is exactly the type of work we are doing for Milwaukee.

Dwyer said it would be helpful for Henken to review the data Waukesha County has available and to indicate what information he needs in order to do good analysis. Henken could let us know what data is needed for one program and then that protocol could be standardized with the other programs. Henken said that is a good way to go. He could start evaluating the program with the best available data.

Schuler said item #2 would be helpful. Data has been sought before for item #4 but it has been a struggle. Benedict agrees items #1 and #3 are good choices. The value would be to concentrate on the kinds of data that should be reviewed because we are going to have to learn how to do this when the consultants are gone. He is not sure if we have the right resources and data to do the research. Henken said PPF will find out if Waukesha County has the data and also provide tips on how to get the data. He would rather have one assignment at a time, finish it and then move onto the next one.

Dwyer said Waukesha County would need to have baseline data now for the Huber Study. Henken said if that project is assigned, PPF could have it done circa November. Davis said information would be handy for the special committee to consider future Huber facilities and programming.

The committee came to unanimous consent to assign item #2 (*Analyze the public safety and rehabilitative impact of Huber jail versus Day Report Center-type programming*) first to PPF.

Henken said PPF will also begin looking into item #1.

**Discuss & Consider CJCC Endorsement Policy**

Luczaj said the Education and Public Relations Committee was assigned the task of developing a CJCC Endorsement Policy after several groups asked if the CJCC would endorse their events. The committee decided

that all requests should initially be sent to the CJCC Coordinator with the following information: full event description, list of speakers and biographies, sponsors/cosponsors, target audience, etc. followed by consideration of the Education and Public Relations Committee. Next the request would be discussed and considered by the CJCC Executive Committee. The CJCC Coordinator would notify the requesting party of the outcome.

Davis requested the word "recommended" be added to item 4 of the policy to read as follows:

*"If recommended for approval by the Education and Public Relations committee..."*

Luczaj asked if the Education and Public Relations Committee turns down a request, should it still be considered by the Executive Committee? Schuler said the Executive Committee should be informed of any requests that are denied.

MOTION: Dwyer moved, Schuler second, to approve the CJCC Endorsement Policy and recommend it to the full CJCC. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **Discuss & Consider Membership Addition to Programs & Alternatives Committee**

Schuler said Betty Groenewold has been recommended for membership on the Programs and Alternatives Committee. She has shown interest in CJCC meetings and wants to become more active in the CJCC. Groenewold's resume was distributed and reviewed by Schuler.

MOTION: Dwyer moved, Schuler second, to approve membership of Betty Groenewold to the Programs and Alternatives Committee. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **Discuss & Consider CJCC Logo**

Luczaj said the Education and Public Relations Committee has been working on developing a logo to use on marketing materials, website, brochure, etc. Sarah Pinkowski helped to revise the logo that was originated by Jan Wilberg for the 2009 CJCC strategic planning meeting.

The committee commented the logo looks good in both color and black and white. They liked the sunburst in the in the black and white version and requested it be added to the color version.

MOTION: Vrakas moved, Dwyer second, to approve the new CJCC logo with the addition of striations. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **Update on OAR Pilot & Program Funding Plan**

Davis said with the recent change in legislation, 65% of OARs in Waukesha County will be going to municipal courts which will impact the CJCC's OAR Program. With so many OARs no longer going through the circuit court system, we brainstormed ideas of referring OARs from municipal courts to the CJCC's OAR Program. A meeting was held last week presenting this programmatic offer to ten municipal judges. All of the judges were interested in the program and benefits but may not have the budgets to carry the program after the county supplemental funding ends. If the county can keep the program running for a year, it will show its benefits. Some of the people in the OAR programs may not live in the community so the benefit might outweigh the costs. Luczaj said at the meeting, the judges agreed they would respond with an answer by September 21, 2009. The more municipalities that join, the less expensive it will be per community. Schimel asked is there a certain number of municipalities that need to join the program to make it work?

Dwyer asked was there an attempt to talk to all judges? Davis said yes and explained that he discussed the program at meetings he had with judges. He also sent a letter to all municipal judges.

Schimel asked what will municipalities do with all the OARs? Benedict replied send them to the jail. Davis said it varies from municipal court to municipal court. Schimel asked how much does the county charge municipalities for jail days? Giese said the cost is relatively low. Schimel said maybe the county could influence the municipalities to join the OAR program by charging the municipalities more for jail days. Dane County is charging municipalities the same rate as federal inmates. Giese said with the current economy and high

unemployment, payment of fines to municipalities is really down. Schnabl said people are not working so they do not mind sitting in jail.

### **Update on RFP for CJCC Programs**

Luczaj said results from an RFP for the Pretrial Screening, Day Report Center, ATC and Pretrial Supervision Programs were due in early September. Proposals were received from WCS and Genesis Behavior Services. The evaluation committee was meeting today, conducting interviews September 21 and a decision would be made after that. The Finance Committee will review the process in October.

### **Discuss & Consider Request for Special Committee to Consider Future Huber Facilities and Programming**

County Executive Vrakas requested a special committee be formed to consider the future of the Huber facilities and programming including building maintenance to extend the life of the building, programming, programming space, etc. The current facility lacks many of the necessary elements for a Huber facility.

Davis asked if the committee would also look at possible new building amenities? Vrakas said they would. Davis said maybe we could build a facility next door to Huber for programming or perhaps several Huber facilities could be built around the community. Vrakas said there isn't any money in the budget to do anything right away.

Benedict left at 9:31 a.m.

MOTION: Schuler moved, Dwyer second, to approve the request to develop a special committee to consider future Huber facilities and programming.

Dwyer asked what would be the make up of the committee? Davis said if this is approved, he will ask the Executive Committee and full CJCC for membership recommendations.

Motion carried 5-0.

### **Discuss Agenda Items for September 30 CJCC Meeting**

- Membership and construction of the new study committee considering future Huber facilities and programming.
- OAR pilot
- CJCC Budget and including CDBG funding
- Byrne Grant
- Strategic planning action steps
- CJCC endorsement policy
- ATC and evaluation
- Drug collection process
- FEPO wrap-up by Susan Fischer
- CJCC logo.

### **Next CJCC Executive Committee Meeting**

Monday, October 12, 2009 @ 8:30 am, Room C179

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.